

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Intimations

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND
STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the **RATE** of FOUR per cent (ONE DOLLAR and FIFTY CENTS per Share) for the Six months ending 30th June, 1901, will be paid on application to the Registered Shareholders in the above Company, on **MONDAY, the 8th July, 1901.**

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 1st to the 8th July, both Days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th June, 1901. [670c

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the CLUB GYMNASIUM,

Kowloon, on THURSDAY, the 11th July, at 5.30 P.M., to receive and pass Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and to elect Officers and Committee for ensuing year.

A. DENISON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1901. [707c

GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN
GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED,
(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Des Voeux

Road, on SATURDAY, the 20th July, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving and discussing the Liquidators proposals for dealing with the Company's Assets.

The Liquidator,
M. BENNECKE.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1901. [708c

G. GIRAULT,
6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

**ARRIVAL of the LATEST PRESERVED
AMERICAN Dainties.**
Just Opened, Call and Inspect, Best quality,
direct from the Factory.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1901. [667c]

WANTED.
BOY WRITER in H.M. VICTUALLING

D YARD, apply between 10 and 11 A.M. to the DEPUTY VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER, (in Charge).
H.M. VICTUALLING YARD.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1901. [706c]

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN QUARTERMASTER to superintend the Coxswains of the "STAR" FERRY BOATS. Must be strictly sober and accustomed to work with Chinese.

Apply by Letter only, with Testimonials,
to
**SECRETARY,
STAR FERRY CO., LIMITED.**

Hongkong, 25th June, 1901. [666c
WANTED an OVERSEER.

Apply by letter to
THE SECRETARY,
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY CO.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1901. [662c

WANTED

A POST as **BOOKKEEPER** by a Competent
Man.
Apply to

"T,"
C/o This Office.

A SURVEYOR seeks Employment.

Apply to "U."
C/o This Office.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1901.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.
FROM THIS DATE MR. ROBERT HARRISON

FROM THIS DATE MR. ROBERT HAY BERRY MITCHELL will be MANAGER of our Hongkong Business and will SIGN our FIRM per Procuration.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1901. [694c]

NOTICE.

WE have This Day authorized Mr.
WILHELM NAGEL to SIGN our FIRM
per Procuration:
LEOPOLD SPATZ & CO.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1901. 1637c

Assurances.
"L'UNION"
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Established 1828).

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
GENERAL AGENT for the above

Company, is prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
at current rates.
Claims settled direct without reference to the
Head Office.

A. R. MARTY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 5th July, 1901. 1712c

THE VAN ON MARINE AND FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
CAPITAL\$1,000,000

THIS Company is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against MARINE and FIRE RISKS from and after This Date.

CHAN YUT NGAM;
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 1st July, 1901. [693c

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**
THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [39

Today's Advertisements.

ESSETS FLUID

VERSUS

PLAGUE.

What pure Carbolic Acid can do in three hours ESSETS FLUID does in nine minutes.

The microbe or bacillus of bubonic plague grows readily in artificial media and is destroyed by Essets Fluid.

Essets Fluid is superior in every way to pure Carbolic Acid.

Sole Agents:

WATKINS, LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1901. [714c]

NOTICE.

THE attention of the community is drawn to the fact that SIGNATURE SHEETS, to be attached to a Petition to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, asking for the Appointment of a Commission to Inquire into the Sanitary Condition of Hongkong, &c., are open for Signature at the following places:

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.
Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.
Messrs. W. Brewer & Co.
Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor & Co.
The Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.
The Victoria Dispensary.
Messrs. Watkins, Ltd.
The Hongkong Hotel, Ltd.
The Peak Hotel.
The Hongkong Daily Press Office.
Mr. H. Ruttonjee's Kowloon Store.

Copies of the Petition may also be seen at the above.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1901. [700c]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN, PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. (Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"SUNDA," Captain E. R. Dowell, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay without Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1901. [700c]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL. THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant, at 10 A.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1901. [713c]

Today's Advertisements.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ASSETS EXCEED \$50,000,000.

IN Accordance with Instructions received from the Head Office of this Company, a Branch of the

ACCIDENT DEPARTMENT has been opened in Hongkong. Policies can now be obtained for FIRE, MARINE, TYPHOON, and ACCIDENT INSURANCE and FIDELITY GUARANTEE.

W. H. T. DAVIS, Local Manager.
10, Des Vaux Road, Central, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1901. [599c]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 6th July, 1901. [4]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING." The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GEORGE ECKLEY, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 6th July, 1901. [1]

Intimations.

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at 16, Queen's Road Central, (R. HOUGETON & Co.)

(Nearly opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL). Business hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A GREAT proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—their many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE. [1453b]

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

SHERRIES.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal

Capsule - - - - - \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE

NATURAL SHERRY, White

Capsule - - - - - 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,

PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red

Seal Capsule - - - - - 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, choice old wine,

White Seal Capsule - - - - - 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD

PALE DRY, very finest quality,

Black Seal Capsule (Old

Bottled) - - - - - 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner

Wines and suitable for invalids and

delicate stomachs. D and E are

after-dinner Wines of a very Superior

Vintage. ALL ARE TRUE XERES

WINES.

Small quantities are supplied at

proportionate whole sale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and

Spirits to be genuine when bought

direct from us in the Colony or from

our authorized Agents at the Coast

Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1901.

THE Chinese need not take any alarm at the movement now on foot to petition the Secretary of State for the Colonies. It cannot affect them injuriously in any way. It only asks for a Royal Commission to be sent out here to examine and report on the Sanitary condition of the Colony and, when that Commission comes, if it does come, they will have the very fullest opportunity of being heard by the Commissioners and of putting before them the Chinese view of the many questions which are now under discussion, and which must be settled authoritatively before any good can be done. At present there are so many jealousies, so much division of authority, such a complete absence of any definite scheme of Sanitary Reform or of any intelligent comprehension of the requirements of the position, that nothing can be done to ameliorate the condition of the Colony. Superior authority must intervene.

The Chinese should also bear in mind that this Petition attacks no one, not even the Governor. So far as it attributes any blame, it is on the Government, not on any officer of the Government or any particular ruler. It is most careful in its statement of facts. It relies entirely on official documents. It is prepared by the principal mercantile men in the Colony, men who have never taken part in attacks on the Government, or displayed themselves in the role of agitators before. They are deeply interested in the prosperity of the Colony and they see that trade and shipping are being seriously endangered by this annual recurrence of the plague. Land is of no value in this Colony except for the purposes of trade and commerce. If the Chinese land owners want to maintain values and get good interests out of their extensive investments, they must see to it that trade and commerce flourish and that every obstacle to their growth and increase is removed, and speedily. If the trade of this port departs, land here will be of no more value than in Macao. The great bulk of the Chinese Merchants and Traders should rush in and sign that petition. It is framed in their true interests. Of course the personal friends of the Colonial Secretary among the Chinese and the frequenters of Government House will not sign. Chinese politeness will not suffer them to do so, whatever they may really think about the matter. These signatures will not be missed, every one will understand why they have refrained. The good work will be done all the same, and no one will rejoice more than they when Commissioners appointed by the King come out and commence their investigations. But won't they look a little foolish then? Governors and even Colonial Secretaries pass away, but the King and the Colony are for ever.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Japan's Finances.

We note in the *Times* to hand by last mail a very carefully written paper by their Japan correspondent on the financial position of that country. It is well worth reading and we republish it in another column.

The writer points out that the *Times* forecast of the position, made in 1896 after the publication of the *post bellum* programme, has been fully justified and that it is becoming increasingly difficult to float domestic loans to meet the requirements of the programme, because of the very high rates of interest ruling in Japan, seven and even ten per centum being looked for from sound investments. In the result, considerable portions of the enterprises for which money was needed have had to be postponed and the position has been considerably aggravated by the mistake of the Government in including in the budget for the year these works and the loans requisite for carrying them into effect. The genuine supporters of the Government are very indignant at the false position in which they have been placed in being called upon to vote for and pass financial measures which the Ministry must have known, at the time, could not be put into operation. The tightness of the money market has, undoubtedly, been considerably increased by this act of folly on the part of the Finance Minister and the credit of the country has been considerably weakened. The correspondent, however, points out that there is no real need for alarm. The finances of the country are sound and the burden of taxation is not heavier than it was ten years ago when the wealth of the country was much less than it is now. The revenue-to-day is 201 million yen; in 1891 it was only 95 millions. But of the increase, 47 millions is from Railways, Telegraphs, Forests and other remunerative public works, and 40 millions from the tax on Saki. Another 12 millions is from import duties, so that the burden on the people is even less than before. Japanese Finance is sound at the core and there are abundant opportunities in the country for the profitable investment of European capital.

TELEGRAMS.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

COLLISION AT SHANGHAI.

BOTH VESSELS DAMAGED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, July 5th.

A collision has occurred here between the steamer *Suian* and a Chinese cruiser, both vessels were somewhat damaged in their upper works.

ANOTHER COLLISION.

A collision has also occurred between the steamer *Plintshire* and a junk, but the full particulars as to damage, etc., are unknown.

THE RUSSIANS AT TIENTSIN.

LEFT BANK OF PEI-HO CLAIMED. A Russian proclamation posted at Tientsin confirms the acquisition by Russia of a concession extending for three miles along the left bank of the Pei-ho River. This Russian concession greatly exceeds the limits of the British, French, German and Japanese concessions, which are on the opposite side of the river.

Received 8 p.m. 5th.

Published 1 p.m. 6th.

[Delayed in transmission.]

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, July 4th.

In the French manoeuvres the success of the submarine boats has been most striking. They approached the squadron unsuspected, passed the entire line, torpedoed the ironclads, and escaped unobserved and unscathed.

THE YUNNAN RAILWAY.

The French Senate has agreed to the Yunnan Railway scheme.

STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

LONDON, July 3rd.

The British Consul at Nagasaki testifying before the Steamship Subsidies Commission, urged that a subsidy be granted for a British service to Japan, which he said offered a splendid national investment.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S STAKES.

July 4th.

The result of the race for the Princess of Wales's Stakes is as follows:—

Lord Rosebery's "Epsom Lad" 1

His Majesty's "Diamond Jubilee" 2

Lord Cadogan's "Sidus" 3

COMMERCIAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

There is a commercial crisis in Germany following the failure of the Leipziger Bank.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replying to questions concerning the probable date of the termination of the war, said that Lord Kitchener had wired that the Boer leaders had proclaimed their country, and that they would never surrender.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 6th at 12.10 p.m. the barometer has fallen over the China coast and the Philippines. Pressure is highest in the Pacific in the neighbourhood of the Line Islands, lowest over S. China. Gradients slight for S.E. and S. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—Moderate S. winds; squally, showery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE C. P. R. Coy's Royal Mail s.s. *Empress of China* from Hongkong, which was detained in quarantine at Nagasaki, arrived at Vancouver at 4 a.m. on Thursday the 4th inst., all well, having made the run across from Yokohama in 10 days.

A SHOP that every visitor and resident should call at is that of Mr. Fr. Blunck of Queen's Road. Mr. Blunck has gone in heart and soul for the embroidery, silk lace, and drawn work business and beaten the Chinaman at his own game. Being manufacture as well as retailer the prices are as moderate as the workmanship is beautiful.

MESSRS. Kelly & Walsh are now selling the special number of the *Illustrated London News*, the record number of the glorious reign. There are fourteen art plates, inserted in such a manner to enable one to remove them and have them framed, which they are well worthy of. The whole number is splendidly got up and at \$3 is remarkably cheap.

THE *Honkong Gazette* is not over hopeful about the war. It says:—Lord Kitchener is said already to be selecting his Personal Staff in anticipation of taking up the post of Commander-in-Chief in India next March. There seems little doubt now that he will succeed Sir Power Palmer, provided the Boer war comes to an end.

THE Band of the Madras Light Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.
1. Selection. "Coster Song" Godfrey.
2. "Waltz" El Dorado.
3. Song. "The Everlasting Day" Hervey.
4. Lancers. "The Swan" Moore.
5. Selection. "A. Barleque" Kappay.
6. Polka. "Lilliputian" Brewer.
"God save the King."

THE dredger *Canton River* is still quite safe, and on starting work in the morning they always know where to find her; pumping was commenced again yesterday, but the steam connection from the *Yeung* launch to the pump on the port bow "cofferdam" carried away three times, and at last operations had to be stopped. This was most unfortunate as she rose 6 inches, but of course settled down again in her old sweet style.

ACCORDING to the *Penang Gazette*, Singapore, being in want of a few dollars to defray the expenses of the presentation on the occasion of the late Royal visit, has appealed to Penang, having suddenly become aware of the fact that after all Penang is a part of the Colony.

I HAD the pleasure of shaking hands with General Wogack in the Club a few days ago, says *Daybreak in Sport and Gossip*. His arduous duties in the North tell a tale that is only too apparent upon meeting him, for the Colonel as we knew him before the war, General now, is but the shadow of his former self. The brief rest that he is looking forward to in Japan will, I hope, bring back renewed health.

ON all sides one hears of the dearth of business, what with plague, wars and rumours of wars. The merchants in Hongkong are having a bad time. Next to the afflicted the greatest sufferers from the epidemic are the traders. The government official's salary has a habit of going on and being paid regularly through good and bad times but, the private dealer knows the strains on his resources of the summer season in Hongkong.

A HOME paper of the 4th ult. says:—Admiral Lord Walter Kerr is to visit Portsmouth on Friday, for the purpose of inspecting the first-class armoured cruiser *Cressy* before she leaves to join the China Fleet. It is very unusual for a First Sea Lord to pay this attention to a newly-commissioned ship, but the occasion is unique, as the *Cressy* is the first one of our new armoured cruisers to be on foreign service. She has the latest of everything in the way of armament, and she is fitted with non-flammable wood.

AT last the Lyceum Theatre (Shanghai) is to be brought up to date in every department. Operations have already been commenced, says *Sport & Gossip*. Lately a select few were invited to inspect and try the new seats at the invitation of the Stage Manager. We who met on the stage at the appointed time, I noticed, varied a good deal, as regards our conformation, but this was only another little bit of diplomacy on the part of the Stage Manager. One or two of us fairly filled the new seats, another had room and to spare, but all pronounced the new design comfortable in every way. We are to have a foyer and all sorts of comforts so that if so "disposed" it might be possible to sit out a dance, I mean an act, when the amateurs are facing the footlights.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Bangalore paper*:—"A monkey and a cobra fight was witnessed by some natives a couple of days ago about a mile or two up the Oossour Road. A large monkey disturbed a large cobra which was basking in the sun about a hundred yards from the road. The infuriated reptile gave the monkey chase, but he took the matter easy till he got to a rock. While perched there the snake, who had been in close chase, reared up almost to full length and with open hood darted at the monkey. But the latter dodged and ducked on the defensive and allowed the reptile to strike forcibly each time against the stone. This went on for a considerable time till the snake lay out at full length, bleeding and exhausted. Then the monkey seized the snake and rubbed its head clean off the trunk, and afterwards climbed into a tree, when the natives who had witnessed the interesting encounter treated the victor to Indian-corn and sugar-cane."

THE following items are from *Foochow Echo* of the 29th ult.:

Mr. L. A. Mackinnon of H. B. M. Consulate left on Wednesday for Santu and will be absent for some weeks. Before returning he is to visit, we understand, Fuh-Ning and other Missionary stations in the vicinity.

One of the passengers by the last trip of the *Huashin* to Shanghai was Mr. Reginald Tower, Secretary of Legation at Peking. During his short stay here he was the guest of Mr. P. E. O'Brien-Butler, H. B. M. Consul.

Between heavy rains, thunder-storms and steamy heat, the weather at the close of the month is not agreeable. If sickness amongst the natives may be gauged by the length of their noisy processions, there can scarcely be less than there was last year at this time—the time of a large consumption of unripe fruit.

Of recent improvements undertaken by the community few, if any, will commend themselves more to the public than the purchase and demolition of the shops in the street leading from the hill to the Hongkong Bank premises and to the Foochow Native Hospital. The street is widened and a very cramped corner done away with, while the street itself is now a continuous one with that leading to the Amoy Road and so to the Foochow Native Hospital.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the above Co. was held to-day at 12.15 p.m. at the offices of the Company. There were present:—Mr. C. S. Sharp, Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. J. Thurburn, and Messrs. J. Grossman, G. T. Veitch, R. R. Roberts, E. Terry, A. G. Wood, J. C. Peter, A. O. Baptista, J. C. M. Wheely, T. H. Reid, and W. H. Wickham (the manager).

Mr. C. S. Sharp, in the chair, read a lengthy report of the work done and the advancement of the Company during the past year and the various suggested improvements.

There being no comments or questions by the shareholders, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. G. T. Veitch, the report was adopted unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. J. C. Peter that the retiring directors, viz., Mr. C. S. Sharp, the Hon. C. P. Chater, and the Hon. J. Thurburn be re-elected for another term of office. Carried unanimously.

The returning auditors were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. G. T. Veitch seconded by Mr. T. H. Reid.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

A COSTLY SQUABBLE.

Ip Chong and Ip Kgal Sang pleaded guilty to fighting and creating a disturbance in the Hongkong Hotel and damaging property to the value of \$15. They were each fined \$5, or seven days and ordered to pay \$5 compensation for the damage.

A SEAMAN FINED.

James Greenwood, an A. B. of the *Torpedo Depot*, pleaded guilty to creating a disturbance while drunk and assaulting the police. He was fined \$5 or seven days and ordered to pay \$5 for the assault on the police and \$5 compensation. Greenwood's little spree thus cost \$15, which he paid up.

CANTON NOTES.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, July 4th. The Fourth of July was not forgotten by the citizens of the United States who are at present in Canton. The men on the U. S. *Monteury* arranged for boat races in the forenoon. In the race "Free for all" the Americans came in first, the French second, the British third. A Chinese crew led the first half of the course but gave up on the home stretch. In the afternoon sports were held on board the ship consisting of running, jumping, eating and glove contests. At night the *Monteury* was illuminated with Chinese lanterns and there was an abundance of fireworks on shore. All the ships in the harbour were decorated in honour of the occasion.

Consul and Mrs. McWade held a reception from 12 till 2 o'clock. The Shamen community was well represented both at the reception and at the sports.

THE HEAVY RAINS.

It is a long time since we have had such a downpour of rain as visited Canton yesterday. The streets were all flooded and the river rose to an unusual height. Most of Fat Shan is under water, some places to a depth of four feet. The rice fields in many places have suffered.

EXECUTIONS.

On Monday and Tuesday there were upwards of twenty men beheaded at the execution grounds in the city. These men came from different places about Canton and all had bad records. The fear of death does not seem to deter the Chinese, for notwithstanding the number executed almost weekly, robbery seems to be as common as ever.

EXAMINATIONS.

Mails.

NIPPON, YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
IZUMI MARU M. J. Currow	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A. via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 8th July, at 4 P.M.
WAKASA MARU J. B. McMillan	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT- WERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 12th July, at Daylight
HIROSHIMA MARU T. Murai	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 16th July, at Noon
BINGO MARU F. Davies	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 19th July, at Daylight
KAGOSHIMA MARU K. Kori	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 19th July, at Noon
KASUGA MARU H. Fraser	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- HAMA	FRIDAY, 19th July, at Noon
YAWATA MARU A. E. Moses	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 26th July, at 4 P.M.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1901.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA
OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Naga- saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 30th July, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Hono- lulu)	Saturday, 24th Aug., at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Hono- lulu)	Tuesday, 17th Sept., at Noon.

THE Twin Screw Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-
LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONO-
LULU, on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at
Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break
their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
routes from San Francisco including the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have between
San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the
SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE,
and other direct connecting Railways and from
Chicago to destination the choice of direct
lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had
on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Ports
of the United States, via Overland Railway, to
Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports
in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4
P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same is
required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to points beyond San Francisco in the
United States should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.

GEORGE ECKLEY,
Acting Agent.Portland and Asiatic Steamship
Company.

Agents for and in connection with
THE OREGON RAILROAD AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
Operating the New First-class Steamships
"INDRAVALLI," "INDRAPURA,"
"KNIGHT COMPANION,"
between

HONGKONG and PORTLAND (OR.),
calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE,
and YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship
"INDRAPURA,"

will be despatched for PORTLAND (OR.),
on FRIDAY, the 12th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific
Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports.

For further information as to Freight and further
information communicate with or apply to
ALLAN CAMERON,
General Agent,
or to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
Kobe and YOKOHAMA.FOR VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA,
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamers.	Tons	Captains.	Proposed Sailings.
Queen Adelaide	2,832	F. McNair	July 8
Olympia	2,837	J. Truebridge	July 16
Glenogle	3,750	W. Frakes	July 26
Tacoma	2,811	J. Alwen	Aug. 6

THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this line
to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR
and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES
and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON £52.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.
DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one
of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £48.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on
the American Continent; two trans-continental
trains daily from TACOMA. DINING CAR is
attached to trans-continental trains day and
night; TACOMA to NEW YORK in 4½ days.
Magnificent scenery of the ROCKY and
CASCADE MOUNTAINS. THE YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA,
TACOMA £35.

The best route to the KODNYE GOLD
FIELDS. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA,
TACOMA to DYER and St. MICHAEL.
Rates of Passage to other Points on applica-
tion.

Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 26th June, 1901.

TO IMPORTERS FROM THE UNITED
STATES.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED,
having established a REGULAR SERVICE
OF STEAMERS FROM SEATTLE (Puget
Sound) to JAPAN, CHINA and the
PHILIPPINES, in conjunction
with the
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINES

of the United States, are prepared to con-
tract for the conveyance of Goods from
the Pacific Coast and interior
points of U.S.A. to the
Orient.

THE Steamship

"KINTUCK,"
Sails from Seattle about the 10th of July;
"CHINGWO,"
Sails from Seattle about the 24th of July;
"HYSON,"
Sails from Seattle about the 10th of August;
"KAISOW,"
Sails from Seattle about the 24th of August;
and will be followed by the Company's regular
sailings.

For further particulars, apply at
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION CO.'S OFFICES, NEW YORK;
To the Agents of the Company at Japan, China,
Hongkong, Philippines and Straits;
FRANK WATERHOUSE & CO., General
Western Agents, SEATTLE; or to
GEO. SUTHERLAND, General Agent for
the East, SHANGHAI.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 29th June, 1901.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE
TO
VICTORIA (B.C.) AND SEATTLE,
calling also at TACOMA and carrying Cargo
on through Bills of Lading to New York
and other points of the United
States in connection
with the
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO.'S
LINES.

THE Steamship

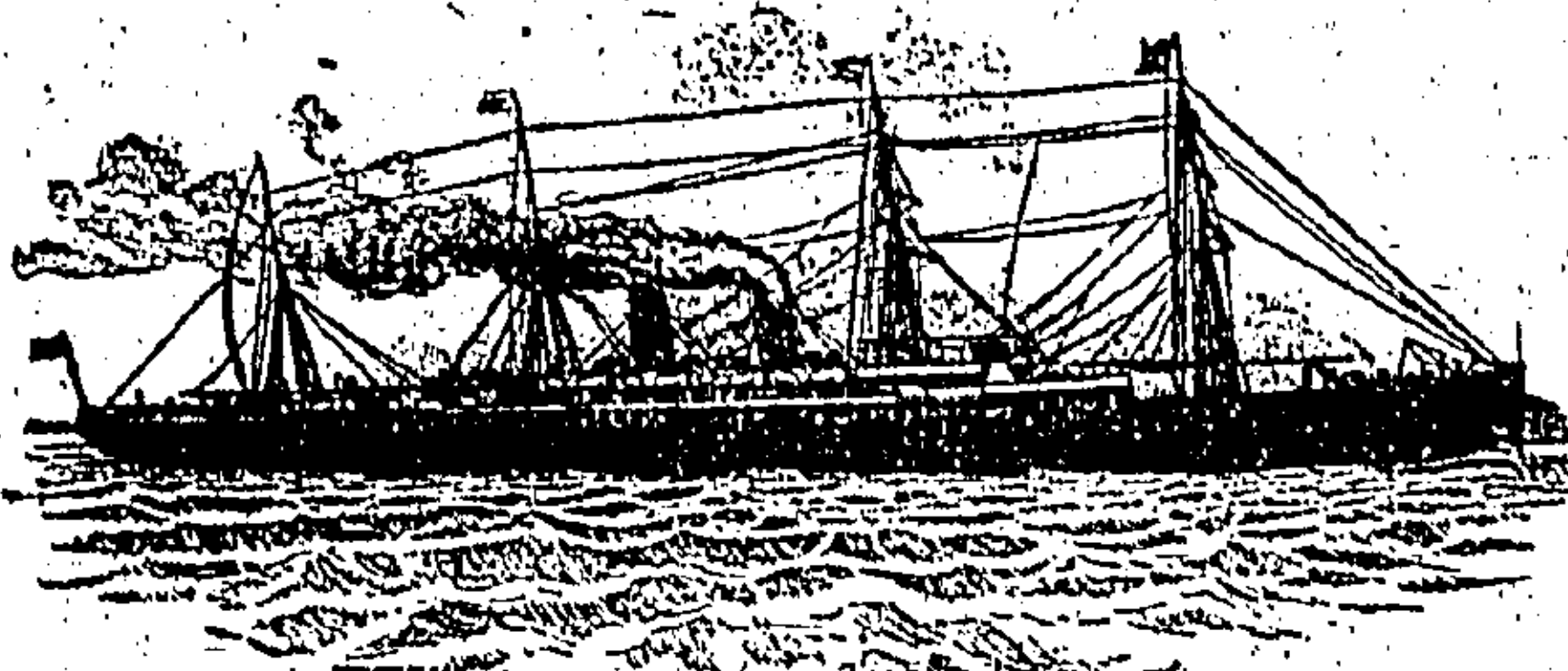
"KAISOW,"
Tons 3,920. Commander G. A. Rodway,
is due here on 6th July, and will have quick
despatch.

For Rates of Freight and further Particulars,
apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents,
Overland Shipments,
Hongkong, 27th June, 1901.

Consular Invoices must accompany all
Overland Shipments.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1901.

Mails.

U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CITY OF PEKING"	SATURDAY, 13th July, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	TUESDAY, 23rd July, at Noon.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 6th August, at Noon.
"DORIC"	THURSDAY, 15th August, at Noon.
"PERU"	SATURDAY, 31st August, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th September, at Noon.

THE P.M. Company's Steamship "CITY OF PEKING," will be despatched for SAN
FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, YOKOHAMA
and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th July, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the
United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en
route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland
Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting
Railways, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the
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San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAIL-
WAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the
regular tariff rate.

Special rates (first-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members
of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials
located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and
Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS. Special rates (first class only) are
conferred and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services,
and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Return Passage.—Reduction will be made to passengers who do not hold return tickets,
making the return journey between ports in the Orient and Honolulu or beyond, within twelve
months.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway,
to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the
Company's and connecting Steamers.

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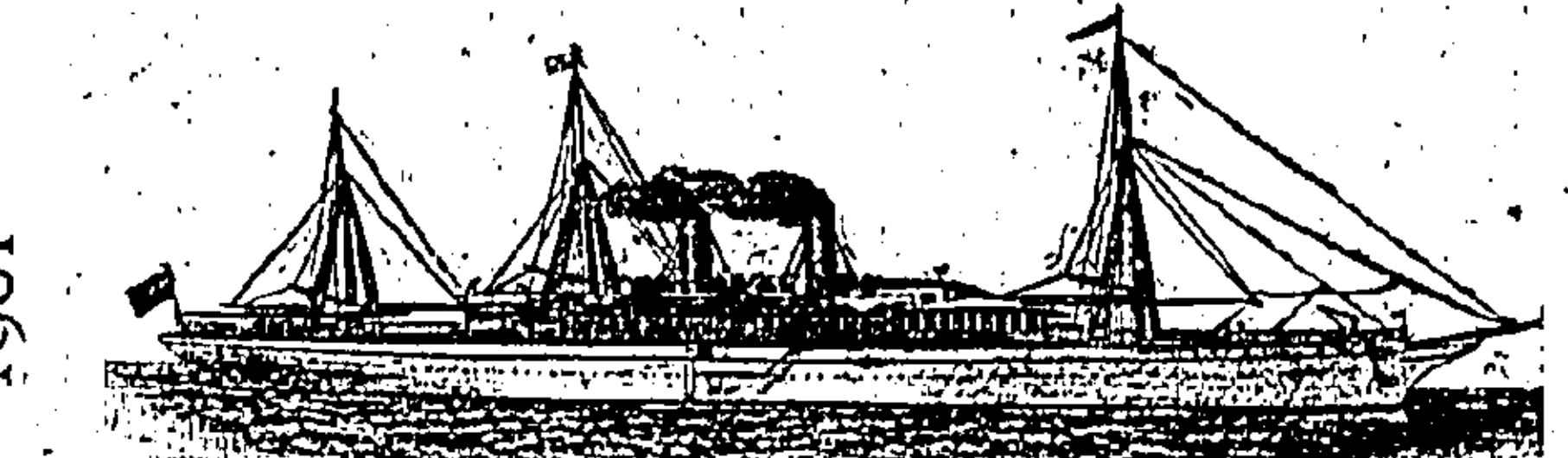
Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold
or over) destined to Points, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value
is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Com-
panies, Queen's Building.

GEORGE ECKLEY,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1901.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 17th July.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 7th August.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 28th August.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER
(B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and
make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM
THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made
at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which
passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and
Japan, Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's
Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY
through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated
by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedler's Street.

HONGKONG, 26th June, 1901.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO,
LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK
SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SAMBIA Schmidt	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	12th July. } Freight.
WUERZBURG Schneider	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	26th July. } Freight.
ACILIA v. Dühren	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	9th August. } Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1901.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	WOOSUNG	9th July.
MANILA	KASHING	9th July.
TIENTSIN	KWEIYANG	10th July.
MANILA	TAIWAN	On or about 14th July.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	TAIWAN	On or about 14th July.

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by
these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1901.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS.	DUE.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	10th July.
"	"SIENIOR"	13rd July.
"	"IDOMENEUS"	7th August.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	12th July.
"	"ALCINOUS"	23rd July.
"	"DEUCALION"	6th August.
"	"PELEUS"	20th August.
"	"STENTOR"	3rd September.
LIVERPOOL (DIRECT)	"GLAUCUS"	18th July.
(Taking Cargo at LONDON RATES)	"PATROCLUS"	15th August.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, O. S. S. Co.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1901.

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.FOR ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAIZURU MARU,"
Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th July.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1901. [226c]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"STUTTGART"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

Captain P. Grosch, due here with the out-
ward German Mail about WEDNESDAY, the
10th instant, will leave for the above Places about
24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th July, 1901. [22c]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN
STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"INDRANI,"
Captain J. Rafferty, will be despatched as above
on or about the 10th July.
For Freight, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th June, 1901. [529c]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON & ANTWERP.
THE Company's Steamship

"GLENESK,"
Captain J. Rafferty, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 10th July.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1901. [644c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEB, SEBZ, PORT
SAID, FUEME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED
SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and
ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"
Captain Berberovich, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, P.M.

Silk "and Valuables" are transhipped on
arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.
For Information as to Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1901. [688c]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo
to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"
Captain Helms, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 24th July, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provi-
sions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the
Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon
are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-
pany to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for
return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVI-
GATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1901. [681c]

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO'S
"NEW YORK" LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"ARARA,"
Captain Williamson, will be despatched for the
above Port, on or about the 1st August.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May,

LES FROM OUR VILLAGE.

A HUMANITARIAN.

Suppose our folk are destitute of the gift of imagination. How comes it that there is such a vast variety in the section of "front paces" among them? There is a fair sprinkling of Johns, a sporadic William or two, and aristocracy of Josephs. One rude forefather of Scriptural habit named his male offspring respectively David, Solomon, and Jesus. Some few, chiefly "farmers" boast such high-sounding baptisms as Arthur or Leonard; but to be in the fashion one must be Tom. As with cats, so with our aborigines, the males of the species are all Toms.

"I say, Tom!"
"Well, Tom?"
"Where's Tom?"

The three Thomases were all engaged in getting the rector's bay when the above colloquy was overheard. They were known, for purposes of distinction, as "Big Tom," "Little Tom," and "Tom-Tom-Tommy." It is of Big Tom that I desire to record an instance of heroic devotion which should not be lost to the world.

At the time when I first knew him he was enjoying the prosperity of a brand plucked from the burning. His heart—or his business instinct—had been touched by the eloquence of a peripatetic temperance orator, and he resigned the post of village drunkard for the more profitable one of tenant of the rectory's glebe. The rector's kind heart prompted him to stretch out the helping hand to the repentant sinner, and he had his reward—not in rent, which was, of course, a thing not to be expected of a returned prodigal. Yet his reward he must have had, for not only the banks of the neighbourhood ring with tales of the good, simple rector, tottering on the verge of ruin, until the shrewd auctioneer of Big Tom showed him the more excellent way? "I'm the best friend I ever had, bless the dear man," would Tom exclaim in stentorian tones, brushing away with the back of his hand the tear which started unbidden at the thought of so much virtue.

"Among" other evidences of prosperity must be counted the possession of a horse and cart. A horse which, so his proud possessor said, would go through anything, and did, in fact, through a great deal. A horse which served under every gate which led to a pasture field with an eye to its own refreshment, and which stopped at every public foot-well, not for its master's, of course—it may have been a fell instance of atavism. A horse which also let out cow-like at every unfortunate who tried to mount the cart. With this equipment Big Tom met me at the station, I dodged the ever-ready hoof, and climbed in safety to his side.

"Your horse looks strapp'd, Tom," I said; "business brack?"
"Not pertikler, Sir. 'E've only bin three times to the station to-day."

Midway junction was five miles from Mudford.

"Three times to-day Tom!" I exclaimed.
"That's rather severe."

"Lor, bless 'e, Sir," he pleaded to do it. Leastways 'e's got to do it."

That was unquestioned, fact, so I dropped the point.

"Old George is dead," my pilot volunteered. There were old George and young George in the community. Old George was parish clerk.

"Poor old chap! Was he ill long?"
"E were ill all at. 'E never were so well as 'e were when 'e died. I seed 'im go, and 'e went off smooth."

"How did it happen?"
"Well, don't you see, Sir, 'e were a-comin' back from 'Oolstone. 'E'd a-bin to buy a bit of a pig, an' 'e'd ad some beer, there ain't no doubt. 'Cos them sort like what sold 'im the pig they can't never deal without beer—no good not to no one, not in no sort of way, not soever, I tell 'em—Goo an' 'im. This last to the horse, which stopped at a public by way of comment on its master's sermon.

I disentangled the negatives as well as I could, and rested him to proceed.

"Well, don't you see, Sir, 'e were a-comin' back too, and I comed up w' 'im in Great Ground w' the pig in a sack on 'is shoulder. 'E were talking, were the old man, and 'e were a-breathin' and, 'cos don't you see, Sir, there were a gale of east wind a-blowin', and it were a-comin' on to snow. I walks alongside of 'im for a bit, and talks to 'im, same as I might be a-talkin' to you, when all of a sudden like 'e lurches up agen me, and down 'e goes on to the ground. 'Come up, George, I says; 'e oughtn't to have gied you so much drink, I says. But the old man, 'e says, 'E got the golden 'arns, 'e says. 'E went to church sayin' 'e'd old George, 'bein' clerk. But I says, 'That ain't no sense, George, I says, 'I don't 'ear no golden 'arns. It's the beer, says 'e. 'E wouldn't 'ave 'eard nothink but a earthquake. You knows 'ow deaf 'e were, Sir?"

I did. Old George was on one occasion performing his duties as clerk when the clapper fell out of the bell he was ringing, with a noise as if the tower was falling. Half the congregation jumped up in affright, but old George tolled on until the wagging of the wire which lifted the hammer of the clock from the bell while it was being rung warned him that the time of service had arrived.

"'E were dead, sure enough, and that there pig a-bollerin' under 'is shoulder, 'cos 'e'd fell upon it. 'Whatever 'il I do with you, old man? thinks I to myself as I pulls out the sack. We was right in middle of Great Ground, and it were a-blowin' and a-snowin' fit to blind you. I 'oller'd, and 'e 'oller'd, but of course there weren't no one not to 'ear, and I looks at George, and 'e were gettin' white w' snow, and I says to 'im, 'I won't leave you, old man. 'I'll never leave you. I set 'im down by 'im and waited. For two hours I waited, an' then Tom Leach come by, and I told 'im to go and fetch 'elp, and we got the poor old fellow out, Lor, 'is missus she did take on, 'im all wet through, but I sez to 'er, 'Lor, gal, what does that matter? The man's dead, I sez, and that 'e'd to comfort 'er a bit. I wor the wust. I cotched such a cold."

"Why on earth didn't you leave him and go for help, Tom?" I said.
"I leave 'im? Lor, bless you, I couldn't leave 'im in all that wind and snow, not if it were ever so."

"But he was dead; it wouldn't have made any difference to him."

"Dead or alive, I couldn't leave 'im none the more for that. I couldn't leave him—goo an'!" A vicious cut at the horse with his stout ash plant testified to Tom's emotion, and he drew the back of his hand across his eyes, *more so.*

I was silent for a moment or two. I had never been prepared to take Big Tom at his own valuation, but in this instance he gave evidence of possessing a tenderness of heart, for which I had not given him credit.

"It was good of you, Tom," I said at last.
"I don't think many people would have behaved so kindly in your place."

"I spects not, Sir. Folks is different. But I couldn't leave him. Don't you see, Sir, there were the pig."

G. F. in the St. James's Budget.

THROUGH A TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

A HUMANTARIAN.

"Oh what a blessing it is to be free from 'n atmosphere of artificiality! I shall stay in this half-asleep place for a very long time. And mind, Sophia, that you do not tell anyone who I am, or I shall never forgive you."

Pretty Miss Huntington, ensconced in a basket chair, gazed dreamily at the few holiday loungers on the sea front. In the register of the unpretentious little hotel in which she was staying she had signed herself "Miss Hart."

Everybody of consequence knew the rich Miss Sybil Hartington; but nobody would have sought her in this quiet fishing town, nor have suspected the assumed name.

"Of course not," answered Sophia, her friend, replying to the injunction laid upon her. "If I were to breathe a single word we should have that dreadful Sir Munsey Chaser here before a dozen hours had passed."

"Please do not speak of him. He is worse than the Hon. Sponder Pile. I wish I was a poor woman—or a rich man."

But even rich men are sometimes glad to get away from match-making mothers," said Sophia. "I have heard of one at least to whom society is hateful, and who, I believe, would be glad to meet a woman who could love him for himself alone."

"Ah! Of whom do you speak?"
Sophia drew an extract from a society paper from her pocket and read as follows:

"The Earl of Ramebledom has closed his house in G—Square, and is travelling incognito."

"That is the man," continued Sophia. "I have seen him but once."

"I have never met him."

"Of course you have not. That is it. The Earl rarely enters your circle, my dear Sybil. His dislike of fashionable life is notorious. He is rich, and, as I have said, single. You would get on together capitally. I wish—"

An unceremonious opening of the sitting room door interrupted Sophia. The gentleman who entered started back in dismay on seeing the two ladies.

"I beg your pardon," he stammered. "Of course my room is next to this. How stupid of me. I arrived only an hour ago—and, really, this carelessness—"

A smile from Miss Hartington relieved the intruder's embarrassment. He bowed himself out.

"What a handsome man," remarked Miss Hartington. "Were you going?"

Pardon me for one moment, answered Sophia, as she quitted the room. Her face was flushed with excitement. Eagerly she scanned the hotel register for the new visitor's name. She found it—"John Talboys, London."

"It is he," gasped Sophia. "The Earl of Ramebledom himself! I am certain that Talboys is the family name."

Sophia's impulse was to run with the news to her friend. But the hasty resolution was shattered by an idea which shot through her brain. "Ah!" she ejaculated. "That would be magnificent!"

Sophia's idea was a brilliant one. She would make friends with the Earl of Ramebledom—or, as he called himself, Mr. Talboys, and then she would confide to him the intelligence that her companion was not Miss Hart, but Miss Hartington, one of the heiresses of England, who, under an assumed name, had left for an indefinite time the press of society and the world of the matter.

After binding the Earl's strict secrecy she would confide to Sybil the important news that Mr. John Talboys was none other than the Earl of Ramebledom, seeking, like herself, relief from fashion's artificialities, and who dreaded nothing more than recognition.

"And," said Sophia to herself; "if they are not man and wife before they leave this place I shall be astonished!"

Sophia's conspiracy worked splendidly. Three days had not passed before Sybil and the new hotel guest had fallen violently in love with one another. While each knew the other's rank and station yet neither dared to breathe a word of the matter. The Earl thinks he is wooing a poor woman; if he discovers your identity I will not answer for the consequences," impressed Sophia upon her companion. To the Earl she would say, "Tell Sybil you are and you may bid her good-bye. Titled people have worried her to death almost."

"But she must know some time?"
"Certainly—when you have married her."

That happy and ultimate event was not far distant. Within a fortnight Sybil and the Earl were engaged; before six weeks had passed they were man and wife. They were married by licence.

It was extraordinary that John did not seem to notice the change in my name," observed Sybil to her friend.

"Not at all," replied Sophia. "Men are blind on such occasions."

"And now I really think I ought to tell him, although I have a presentiment that it will spoil a good deal of our happiness," said Sybil. "I think I shall wait until our honeymoon is over and when we go up to town."

"Do, by all means," answered Sophia, who remembered that an hour ago the Earl had said to her, "I shall not tell my wife that she is Lady Ramebledom until we are in London."

Towards the evening of the third day after the marriage, Sophia was in her room writing letters. Sybil entered suddenly with a face as deathlike in its pallor that her friend half screamed as she ran to her assistance.

"Oh, Sophia, what have you done?" gasped the other. "What is the matter? Speak quickly!"

"Heaven grant I have not ruined my life. But then he never said he was what you declared him to be!"

"Good heavens! what are you saying?"

"Sophia," cried poor Sybil, sinking upon a sofa and covering her face with her hands. "Did he—my husband—tell you he was the Earl of Ramebledom?"

"I—heaven pity me! I told him he was and he has never denied it."

"And does he know I am rich? Don't stammer, but answer me."

"He does."

"Then I shall kill myself. I have married an imposter."

"The Earl of Ramebledom has just arrived; he is in this hotel."

"Your husband?"

"No; an utter stranger!"

III.

An awful horror paled Sophia's cheeks and dilated her eyes.

"What have I done!" she whispered, pressing her hands to her heart.

It was with a spasm of anguish that she remembered the surprise Talboys had exhibited on being told that she had guessed his secret, that he was the Earl of Ramebledom. It seemed now that he was an adventurer who had snatched with the utmost eagerness at the glorious opportunity which Fortune had thrown in his way.

These thoughts stabbed Sophia like daggers; words of hope or encouragement died on her lips.

Sybil looked up with a white face.

"So you told him I was rich," she said.

"Perhaps you told him my name, too?"

"I did," was poor Sophia's husky confession.

"It cannot be helped. At any rate you did not make me love him, and if he loves me I don't much care who he is."

"Hark!" cried Sophia; "he is coming."

They listened intently and heard Talboys speaking to the proprietor of the hotel. "You sent the telegram?" he asked.

"Yes, Sir, three-quarters of an hour ago."

"Good."

The handle of the door was turned, and Talboys entered the room. A swift glance at the two ladies told him that something was amiss.

"Why, Sybil, aren't you well?" he inquired, and there was a note of harshness in his voice, which was foreign to him.

Sophia was the first to control her shaken nerves. "A little faintness," she explained, "nothing more. Put on your hat, dear, and come with me for a stroll on the beach."

Talboys stood looking down upon his wife, a curious expression in his eyes. Sophia left the room for an instant.

"My dear," said Talboys, "we shall dine an hour later to-night. A distinguished visitor is here with whom I have become quite friendly at very short notice, and he is going to honour us with his presence. He is the Earl of Ramebledom."

Sybil could not control a slight start. "Have you heard of him?"

"The name, of course, is familiar. I—I am afraid I am still rather faint. I think I will join Sophia."

"By all means," said Talboys, never taking his eyes from his wife.

"Sophia, the Earl is to dine with us to-night," said Sybil, ten minutes later, as they met upon the esplanade. "My husband has invited him. He will introduce the Earl to us. What will you do?"

"He will not, he dare not—unless he is mad. We will wait and see. It is best to do nothing in a hurry."

When, three hours later, the quartette met at the dinner-table, Talboys gravely introduced the Earl of Ramebledom to his wife and Sophia. The latter dared such a look of horror and detestation upon Talboys; that it must have disconcerted him had he not studiously avoided the young girl's gaze. The little party sat down.

He means to brazen it out," thought Sophia. "And I—what can I say since I bestowed the title upon him?"

The conversation during the meal was mainly between the Earl and Talboys. Sybil sat with downcast eyes, and Sophia was so utterly wretched she could have burst into tears at the smallest pretext. Now and again she stole a look at the Earl, who was rather small of stature, with a thin, alert face, and perfect in his manners.

"Come, Sophy," cried Talboys gaily. "What is the matter with you this evening?"

She looked up quickly, but Talboys had turned away his eyes and was looking at his wife. "The hypocrite!" thought Sophia, and then she said aloud:

"I was thinking of a little personal paragraph about his lordship which was brought to my notice recently."

"Indeed! And what was that?" said the Earl pleasantly.

Sophia, looking steadily at Talboys, who kept his eyes averted, went on. "It affirmed that his lordship, wearied of fashionable life, was seeking a holiday under an assumed name."

"Ah!" said Talboys, looking inquiringly at the Earl.

The latter calmly munched a biscuit. "Oh, those society papers! Who can believe them?" said he. "Far from being weary of—"

A rap at the door just then interrupted his lordship.

"Come in," cried Talboys.

There entered the hotel proprietor and a stranger in a top coat. The latter advanced to the middle of the room and fixed his eyes upon the Earl of Ramebledom, who turned grey, kicked his chair backwards, made a rush for the door, and was seized on the threshold by a couple of waiters.

"Do not be frightened, ladies," said Talboys. "See, it is all over. Our guest is a prisoner!"

Sybil, very pale, trembling from head to foot, hunk upon her husband's arm. "Who was that man who just came in?" she asked.

"A detective, my dear. I wired to Scotland Yard for him."

"And—and that poor man—the prisoner—who is he?"

"A man named Hawkins; a very cunning felon!"

"But—but how did you know he was not the Earl of Ramebledom?"

"That was very simple."

"But tell me—quick!"

"My pet! I ought to have told you before. I am the Earl of Ramebledom."

TATTOOED BLUSHES.

THE LATEST METHOD OF SECURING ROSY CHEEKS.

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Credit for the wonderful discovery must be given equally to an American lady and to Mr. Sutherland Macdonald, a West-end tattooist to the fair American for having carried out successfully one of the most wonderful and interesting operations of modern times. In his small studio Mr. Macdonald has for many years pursued the very profitable profession of tattooist. Beneath the deft manipulation of his electrically-driven needle hundreds of ladies and gentlemen, including representatives of the very proudest families in the kingdom, have been epidemically decorated with highly artistic designs.

IN EVERY COLOUR.

Personages whose names are familiar to the world have emerged from his room with their backs, arms, and chests emblazoned with fiery dragons, snakes, butterflies, birds and floral designs, regimental colours, and a hundred other devices. Until recently the tattooist's feminine clientele had not got beyond a tiny butterfly on the shoulder or some small design on the arm. About a month ago, however, Mr. Macdonald had a visitor who in the course of a few minutes' conversation opened up a marvellous prospect for the art.

"See here," said the lady, "I'm just tired of putting colour on my cheeks. Don't you think you could tattoo me a nice healthy glow that would stay there all the time?"

Mr. Macdonald was for the moment staggered by the proposal. "Well," he said, "I've never tried the experiment, but if you are willing to risk it I'll observe the effect of it on myself, and if I am satisfied I'll undertake the operation." The lady thanked him, and promised to return in a few days.

Now, as a conscientious tattooist who knows that mistakes are irreparable, Mr. Macdonald has in the course of many years covered himself with what may be described as "trial trips," but, having found a vacant patch near his right ankle, he proceeded to experiment with a pigment that deeply resembles rouge in colour. For some days he jabbed away without getting the desired result, but at the end of a week of close and careful observation he, to his great delight, obtained the exact tint for facial application.

He furthermore discovered that it was necessary to grade the colouring so that by repeating the process over the pigment already inserted he was able to make a perfect imitation of—

THE GLOW OF HEALTH.

Then the American lady returned, and to her great delight was informed that if she was still determined to go through with it the tattooing could be done.

Even then, said Mr. Macdonald afterwards to a *Daily Mail* representative, "I was very nervous about it, for I knew that if it was a failure, nothing on earth could ever remove the evidences of the blunder. However, I yielded to persuasion and set to work with the finest needle I had, and some carefully prepared colour. How closely I watched the effect of every insertion of the pigment and what a state of anxiety I was in until the second tattooing had been finished I shall always remember. But it was a success beyond anything that either of us had expected. The American lady looked at herself in the glass and went away delighted beyond measure with the successful result of her own bright idea."

It is perhaps hardly necessary to say that the lady with the prominent glow told a close friend about it, and that within a month three other American ladies had been similarly treated. Then came an English lady journalist who had heard of the operation from the Americans, and afterwards two other English ladies acquired a permanent colour by the same process.

So far seven ladies have purchased charming complexion that will never fade, and many others have written for particulars. But the tattooist himself is not keen on the new craze, and when a lady wrote the other day to ask if the colour would remain upon her cheeks after death, Mr. Macdonald replied that it certainly would. Whereupon the lady, dreading a post-mortem discovery, wrote to say that she would rather go on being pale than have people say things about her after death.

The enterprising tattooist is now making a series of interesting experiments upon himself in the gentle art of inserting small rose diamonds beneath his skin to form the glistening eyes of dragons and other weird creatures.

WITHOUT A BLUSH OF SHAME.

"Is that your father's last word, Phoebe, that you shall never marry me—never—never?"

"Never!" echoed Phoebe, with a choking sob. "Father is obdurate. Oh, Frank, what shall we do? How can I live without you, dearest?"

"You cannot," agreed Frank. "It is a moral and physical impossibility, and yet—"

"Oh that we could die together! Peacefully, painlessly cease to exist in the complete possession of each other's love!"

"And to think that we may live to be a hundred!"

"Never!" emphatically returned Phoebe; and she looked defiantly at the black night.

"But you might, you know, Phoebe," persisted Frank. "One's never so sure of living as when one's anxious to die. It's only the multi-millionaire without an ungratified desire who's certain to die young. A poor beggar like me lives on for a century, and dies in the work."

"And it's the same with a girl who is eating out of the hand of a man she loves. You'll live as long as a centenarian, Phoebe, sure as fate, and then you'll be photographed, and your picture, hideous with decrepitude, will be put in the illustrated papers, and I shall see it and shudder."

"Never!" ejaculated Phoebe. "Never, dearest, never!"

"I tell you it's fate," declared Frank, "unless you run away and marry me in spite of your parent's objections."

"Don't," pleaded Phoebe. "I dare not. Father is dependent upon Aunt Charlotte's allowance, and she has threatened to cut it off at the first breath of scandal. Aunt Charlotte would be scandalised if I eloped with you, dear. I dare not do that!"

"What are we to do, then?" pleaded Frank.

"Die!"

Frank Sunville gave an almost imperceptible start at mention of his sweetheart's self-inflicted sentence, but he controlled himself with heroic effort that was visible in the tense whisper with which he inquired—

"How dear?"

"In the dam by the old mill, bound together with coils of rope, even as we are bound to one another by the coils of a hopeless love."

"Ah!" signed Frank, and there was a catch in his voice when he added: "And when, dear?"

"To-morrow, at sundown."

"Ah!" he repeated. "To-morrow at sundown. Let our lives go with the day. I see the idea. My brave girl! Heroic heart!"

"And to-night we will watch together, you beneath my latticed window. There is no sleep in my heart to-night, Frank."

"There won't be anything else to-morrow night, darling," he tenderly whispered.

"Rest! Beloved rest!" she murmured. "They cannot part us then, in death."

"I only hope they will then realise the enormity of their folly," said Frank. "Anyway, I shall no longer weary your father with applications for your dear hand, for to-morrow I die."

"We die," corrected Phoebe.

"Ah, yes. We die," echoed Frank.

II.

The following morning Mr. Perks received the subjoined letter:

"DEAR SIR,—Do not fling this into the fire unread, or you may regret it to the day of your death."

"As you have forbidden me to enter your house, and forbidden your daughter Phoebe to leave it, I am compelled to approach you on paper."

"Until recently I was in receipt of a private income of £300 a year. The allowance was sufficient for my bachelor requirements, and for that reason, and no other, I did not adopt a business or profession, but chose to spend my days in healthy enjoyment."

"A few months ago I came to my knowledge, as perchance it once suddenly dawned upon you, that I was in love. Simultaneously with the discovery I learnt that a commercial failure had ended my allowance."

"It was then, Sir, that I dared to ask that I might be considered as your possible son-in-law; and I need not remind you that you called me a beggar. I admit the impeachment; but, as I informed you then, I am willing to work night and day to possess an income sufficient for two young people to start life with."

"You declined to listen; you spurned me from your door, declaring that you had other and higher aspirations for your daughter."

"In effect, you said this: 'Young man, you are penniless. My daughter cannot marry a beggar. Go away, and when you are a wealthy man, and when you stay in the neighbourhood you must distinguish her mind from him.'"

"I replied, 'Your daughter and I are deeply attached to one another. Give a promise that, if I succeed in making a suitable income with a steady period, I may look forward to marrying your daughter, and I will work like a nigger.'"

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Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	£ 60	\$120
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	£ 50	\$180 sellers
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Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$350
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China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	£ 5	\$12 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	£ 10	\$12 buyers
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	£ 2 1/2	\$9 buyers
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 1	£2 1/2
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$145 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$36
Mining.		
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 9	\$5 1/2 buyers
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Laon Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 50 buyers
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Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$60 sellers
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$104 buyers
China-Bureau Co., Ltd.	£ 15	\$38 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	£ 10	\$154 buyers
Watkins, Limited	£ 10	\$84 buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	£ 10	\$120 buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	£ 5	\$64 buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$140 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$175 sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	£ 25	\$55 sellers
Hikong High Level Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$250 buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$50 sales
Hongkong and China Dairy Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$50 buyers
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$20 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Est. Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	\$1.10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	£ 4	\$14 sellers
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	£ 5	\$3 sellers
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 20	\$20 sales
H.K. Water Co., Ltd.	£ 5	\$8 buyers
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	£ 20	\$20
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	£ 50	\$50 1/2 sellers
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Companies	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
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Bailey, Mr. W. S.		
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Berninger, Mr. F. J. G.		
Black, Mr. J.		
Bowers, Dr. F. H.		
Brandreth, R.N., Lt. & Mrs.		
Brown, R.E., Major W. B.		
Brown, Mr. J.		
Bruce, Mr. and Mrs.		
Busstow, Mr.		
Cameron, Mr. D. H.		
Clark, Dr. & Mrs. F.		
Clarke, Mr. W. G.		
Cole, Mr. G. E.		
Colson, Mr. J. S.		
Conry, Mr. P. A.		
Cowan, Mr. W. & child		
Denroche, Mr. P. C.		
Devillbiss, Mr. D. C.		
Discombe, Mr. G. M.		
Dorehill, R.A., Major		
Dyson, Capt. F. S.		
Fernald, Mr. and Mrs.		
Gibson, Mr. Kennedy		
Glover, Mr. C.		
Goddard, Mr. W. W.		
Gunn, Mr. John		
Griffin, Mr. R. M.		
Harold, Mr. W.		
Howard, Mr. Thos.		
Huke, Mr. A. N.		
Innes, Capt.		
Irving, Mr. E. N.		
Johansen, Mr. and Mrs.		
Joseph, Mr. & Mrs. E. S.		
Katsch, Mr. E. A.		
Kiene, Mr. and Mrs. F.		
Kiene, Mr. A.		
Kirkwood, Mr. J.		
Littledale, R.E., Major		
Long, Mr. & Mrs. D. M.		
Macdonald, Capt. D.		
Macdonald, Mr. D.		
Marlow, Mr.		
Meurer, Mr. A.		
Otto, Mr. A.		
Parfitt, Mr. W.		
Pascual, Mr. C.		
Price, Mr. H.		
Reel, Dr. L. R.		
Reich, Mr. A. H.		
Robertson, Mr. W. R.		
Robinson, Mr. F. V.		
Schouw, Mr. C.		
Sergeant, Mr. P. W.		
Smithers, Mr. H. Goyne		
Stevens, Mr. D. G.		
Taylor, Mr. D. G.		
Thomas, Mr. Harry		
Tibbey, Mr. H. M.		
Valentine, Mr.		
Wakeman, Mr. G. H.		
Watts, Mr. and Mrs.		
Frank W.		
Whitley, Mr. W. J. G.		
Whitley, Mrs. William		
Whitton, Mrs. M. M.		
Wild, Lieut. and Mrs.		
Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. and child		
Williamson, Mrs. J. and child		
Woodward, Mr. T. A.		
Woolen, Mr. J. J.		

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EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 5/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight	1/11 11/16
" Debits, 4 months' sight	1/11 13/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 98
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.44
" Credits, 4 months' sight	2.48
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	143 1/2
" On demand	143 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	6 1/2 prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	10.25
Gold Leaf (too touch, per tael)	\$2.75
Bar Silver	27
Dollars	nom.

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

New Patna	\$950 per chest.
Old Patna	\$950
New Benares	\$975 per picul.
Old Benares	\$975
New Malwa	\$850
Old Malwa	\$850
Persian, paper tied	\$15

VESSELS IN PORT.

ARTHUR, American transport	2,132, See- combe, 19th June—Manila 15th June.
BALLAST, U. S. Government	1,500, P. Brusca Pietro, 5th July—Bombay 17th June, and Singapore 29th, General—Carlisle & Co.
BURNIS, American steamer	1